

17 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

STATINTL

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Clark Committee - Appearance Before.

1. I appeared before the full Clark Committee at 11:15 a.m., Friday, 14 January 1955.

2. After describing mission and composition of committee, following subjects were discussed.

- a. Description of [REDACTED] organization and areas controlled - factors leading up to organization - overall results and their effectiveness - liaison with military commanders and effectiveness - approximate total number of Americans in command. 25X1
- b. Mention by Clark of [REDACTED] as one instance of lack of coordination and my reply that apparently [REDACTED] was still not understood. Clark then merely said to go ahead with my recital and invited no other elaboration. 25X1C 25X1C
- c. Committee asked if I was satisfied with my relations with the military heads in my area. I replied that most satisfactory relations had been established with the military and Embassies in the area. I suggested that General Hull be questioned as to his views; also those of Gen. Gaither (J2)
- c. One Committee member stated that since USIA stationed world-wide and therefore had capability of collecting intelligence, would it not be desirable for them to engage in this activity. I replied that USIA personnel could always collect overt information and interrogate knowledgeable people in area but that it would only further confuse the problem by giving them any intelligence collection mission, particularly covert. Further discussion revealed that the member merely wanted USIA personnel instructed before going to field stations of the broad problem and told how to approach subject.